

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · BATON ROUGE

Consulate, Military Service and Apostilles from Baton Rouge 2026

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SHORT ANSWER

All of Louisiana falls under the Consulate General of Turkey in Houston, in the consulate's own words: The Consulate General's area of jurisdiction covers Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Tennessee. **Eight states. The in-person window is narrow:** weekdays **9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, and **an appointment is required**. Apostilles are not a consular matter; they are handled by **a state authority**, and **there is a real advantage for a reader in this city:** that office's mailing and courier addresses are **in Baton Rouge**, so you can follow a document in person. The fee is **\$20 per document**. **And we deliberately print two figures nowhere:** the paid military service amount and consular fees.

The consulate and its jurisdiction

ITEM	DETAIL
Mission	Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey in Houston
Address	5333 Westheimer Road, Suite 1050, Houston, TX 77056
Phone	+1-346-439 65 60
After-hours emergency line	+1-832-774 18 61
Email	consulate.houston@mfa.gov.tr
In-person hours	Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Visa application hour	2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Call center, 24 hours, 7 days	From Turkey +90 312 292 29 29 · toll free from the U.S. and Canada: +1 888 566 7656
Jurisdiction	Eight states , Louisiana included

- The **religious affairs, education and trade attache offices** are at the same address; they are **separate units**, so confirm which one you need before you book.
- **Appointments run through one central system:** konsolosluk.gov.tr. Checking and canceling an appointment are separate flows in the same system.

- **Headings in the transaction catalog:** birth, civil registry, marriage, death, passport, military service, notarial acts, citizenship, judicial matters, the national e-government portal, driver's license and employment, plus a savings account channel.
- **We do not print fees or document lists per transaction:** each heading has its own subpage and the amounts change. **Open that subpage before you book and print the list.**
- **Honorary consulate, a negative finding:** the consulate's own pages **never mention** honorary consulates, and whether a Turkish honorary consulate exists in Louisiana **could not be verified. We do not say there is none.**

DO IT ALL IN ONE TRIP

- The consulate is **in another state** and the in-person window is **three and a half hours a day.**
- **Separate transactions may need separate appointments;** book them for the same day or consecutive days.
- List before you go: passport renewal, civil registration, power of attorney, criminal record certificate, e-government password, military service, service certificate.
- **Scope is critical on a power of attorney:** have the text drafted in advance by your attorney in Turkey or by the institution that will act on it; an instrument with missing authority means a second trip.
- **The time zone is not an issue:** the consulate is in the same time zone as this city.

Dual citizenship and the Blue Card

Becoming a U.S. citizen does not by itself end Turkish citizenship. Under the foreign ministry's own definition, the **Blue Card** is the official document issued to people who were Turkish citizens by birth and lost that citizenship **by obtaining a release**, and to the descendants the statute names. So the Blue Card only arises **with a release**; a person who keeps dual citizenship continues with a Turkish identity card and passport.

- **Records carry over:** the records of those who leave by release are transferred to the Blue Card registry **without a change in the identification number.**
- **Rights:** except for the exceptions the statute lists, the person **continues to enjoy the rights granted to Turkish citizens.**
- **The exceptions the statute itself lists: no right to vote or stand for election,** no duty-free import of a vehicle or household goods, and **no obligation to perform military service. Acquired social security rights are preserved.**
- **Public employment:** permanent, established public service posts are closed, but one may work in public institutions as a **worker or on a temporary or contract basis.**
- **Application:** a petition, **two photographs**, and presentation of an identity document or passport issued by a foreign authority.

Paid military service

The Ministry of National Defense's distance learning portal states that the training is **a mandatory stage required by statute. Here is the item people most often get wrong:**

SITUATION	WHAT IS REQUIRED
Turkish citizenship only	At least three years of actual work abroad in one of the listed statuses, holding a residence or work permit
Multiple citizenship status	No work requirement; at least three years of actual presence abroad is enough

- **In both cases, time spent in Turkey does not count.**
- **The order:** register on the portal with your identification number, complete the distance learning, then apply to the consulate you are attached to **with documents proving residence and employment status and a valid passport. From Baton Rouge that door is the Consulate General in Houston.**
- **We do not print the amount, and we say why:** the figures circulating do not agree, the ministry's own portal does not publish a current amount, and **the amount depends on the exchange rate on the day of payment. Confirm the current figure with the portal or the consulate.**
- **The deferral and postponement procedure** could not be reached in the ministry's own text this round; **we do not write it.**
- **Do not confuse two things:** the federal selective service registration that may come up when you apply for a license runs, in the agency's own words, only for applicants who are U.S. citizens. That is **entirely separate** from any obligation in Turkey.

Apostilles: two stages and an address in this city

- 1 Obtain the certified copy.** For birth and death records the door is the state vital records office; for marriage records and court records it is the parish clerk of court.
- 2 Send it to the commissions division of the secretary of state.** The office defines an apostille as a **certified copy plus an additional certification signed by the state's secretary of state.**
- 3 Leave translation for last.** An apostille does not translate the document, and the institution in Turkey that will accept it decides how the translation must be done.

ITEM	DETAIL
Fee	\$20 per document; \$10 if it relates to an adoption
In person	Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Mail	Louisiana Secretary of State, Commissions Division, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125
Courier	8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Phone	225.922.0330

- **Records from the clerk of court and vital records do not need notarization:** Documents issued by the Clerks of court and the Louisiana Department of Vital Records do not have to be notarized for legalization. The next sentence matters too: We cannot accept photocopies of these records.
- **Other documents must be notarized by a Louisiana notary,** with the notary's **printed name and notary identification number below the signature.**

- **The office does not pay for return shipping:** send a prepaid envelope or label, and heed the office's own warning: **do not put the office's address on the return label as the sender.** A mailed request must also include **a cover letter stating the destination country** and a daytime phone number.
- **The office's own limit:** Apostilles will not be issued for documents intended for use within the United States.
- **An apostille does not certify the content of a document;** it certifies the signature, the seal and the capacity of the signer.
- **Order several certified copies.** One goes to the apostille office, one stays in your file, one is a spare.

Time difference

PERIOD	THIS CITY, RELATIVE TO TURKEY
During daylight saving time	8 hours behind
During standard time	9 hours behind

Daylight saving time begins on the **second Sunday in March** and ends on the **first Sunday in November**; **Turkey does not change its clocks.** So the gap shifts **twice a year** purely because of the change on the U.S. side. If a consular appointment, a hearing or a call to Turkey falls in one of those weeks, **check the time twice.** For statewide rules see [our Louisiana guide](#).



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